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## Community expresses concern at UV meeting

By Shawn Nisson  
Sports Editor

Salisbury Chief of Police Allan Webster, residents of Onley Road, and representatives from Salisbury University held a community impact meeting to voice concerns with the residents of University Village.

The mandatory meeting, which less than half the residents of UV attended, discussed the increase in destruction of property along Onley and also served as an opportunity for Webster to remind UV residents of Salisbury's underage alcohol policy.

Webster spoke to residents about having respect for the homeowners on Onley, as there has been a noticeable increase in reported incidents to the police. The Chief alerted residents that there would be an up-tick in law enforcement visibility including more speed traps on Onley.

"When parties get out of hand there will be no warnings for underage drinking," said Webster. He also stressed a need to work together. "Respect your neighbor, and if you see someone doing something, take responsibility and tell them to stop."

The residents of Onley's words were stirring as they talked about the senseless damage that they have experienced this year. Countless mailboxes have been destroyed, tires have been slit, tail lights have been broken along with car windows, and students have even left grocery carts in front lawns.

Residents also expressed concern over noise that is generated on the weekends. "It starts Thursday night, and Friday and Saturday from midnight till after 3 a.m. you can count on not getting any sleep," said Debbie Smart, who has lived on Onley Road for over 20 years.

"We thought last year was bad, but this year has been too much," continued Smart. "We're on our fifth mailbox since September." Residents are even intimidated to the level that some of them refused to attend the meeting with the students for fear of repercussions.

Webster wants students to know that he and the police "aren't the bad guy" and are just worried about the well-being of the community. "I'm back [in UV] twice a day; I just don't want a tragedy to happen. We haven't had one alcohol related death during my tenure, and I intend to keep it that way."

Associate President of Student Affairs Dane Foust expressed a need for students to exercise responsibility. "We want students who are here to be responsible in the community, and peer pressure others into good habits."

University Village resident Eric Pfoutz left the meeting feeling optimistic. "The people here are good people. I think that we can be responsible, and the people who are destroying stuff should go punch their pillow or something."

## Class presents "Books on Broadway"

By Corey Meissner  
Staff Writer

Last week, students of Dr. William Folger's Musical Theatre Workshop held a series of dinner theatre performances. Entitled "Books on Broadway," the performance consisted of show tunes from a large variety of musicals, the common thread being that each musical was based on a famous book.

"With so many great books adaptations to choose from, we had trouble narrowing it down," Folger explained during the show.

The students began the show with "Food, Glorious Food," a song from *Oliver!*, as the audience sat down to their meal. After the dinner, the students continued with hits from *Ragtime*, *Jane Eyre*, and *Seussical the Musical*, among other shows. The first act ended with several songs from *Seussical the Musical*, in which Alyssa Mullins was a crowd favorite as the sour kangaroo.

Following a brief intermission, two alumni of the program were featured in a duet. Annie Bik, who choreographed the show, and Sunny Kim, the show's accompanist, sang "For Good," a song from the popular musical *Wicked*.

"We just can't get these two to leave," joked Dr. Darrell Mullins, who co-produced the performance.

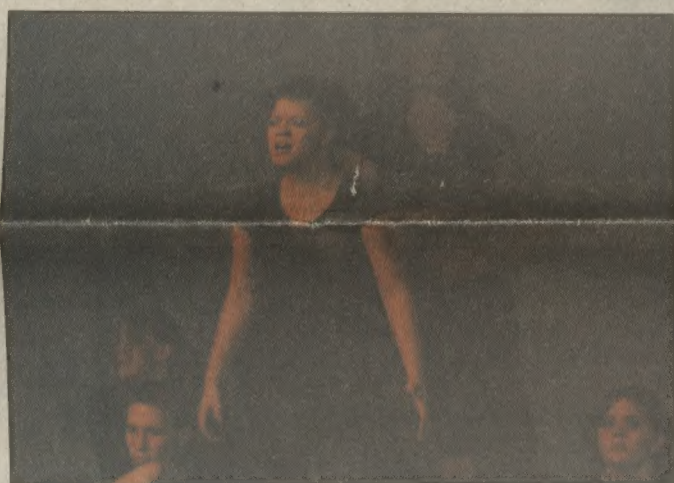
The second act focused in part on songs from the Bible, including an entertaining number from *Godspell* starring Mike Myers and Brian Mahoney as Jesus and Judas. Students sang songs from *Damn Yankees*, *Little Women* and *Man of La Mancha* before gearing up for the finale, which was "Façade," a number from *Jekyll and Hyde* which involved the entire cast.

Aftyn Garvin, a freshman cast member said, "Musical Theatre has been the best experience of my life."



Tom Ruch/The Flyer

Students involved in Dr. William Folger's Musical Theatre Workshop presented Books on Broadway this past weekend. The program consisted of show tunes from a large variety of musicals, the common thread being that each musical was based on a famous book.



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## Fatal shooting leaves police stumped

By Sarah Lake  
Staff Writer

Police still have no suspects regarding a Nov. 14 shooting that occurred on the 600 block of Smith Street in Salisbury.

The shooting happened around 9:30 p.m. last Tuesday night.

According to Salisbury Police, the victim (a Hispanic male whose name is not being released until police can find the man's family) was gunned down by three black males wearing masks. Witnesses say that the three men were attempting to rob the victim and he was shot as he attempted to flee the suspects. When police arrived, the victim was laying in the front yard of a nearby residence. He

was transported to PRMC, where he died later on in the night.

In a phone interview early Monday morning, Lieutenant Rantz of the Salisbury Police said, "We have done quite a few interviews throughout that area and we are requesting that anyone who saw anything and who can identify additional witnesses and/or the shooter to come forward. No one in that area has told us anything."

This is Salisbury's sixth homicide this year.

Anyone with any information regarding the shooting is asked to call the Salisbury Police at 410-548-3113.

## News briefs

### GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Salisbury University is hosting a breast cancer awareness night on Monday December 4, from 7-9 p.m. in the Wicomico room. The night is entitled Girls Night Out and will have insights from breast cancer survivors and give education about breast health. At the event, door prizes will be given out, and the first 40 people to come will get free t-shirts. For more information on Girls Night Out e-mail pg14403@salisbury.edu.

### DELMARVA DISCUSSION SERIES

Tom Horton, former environmental reporter for The Baltimore Sun and author, will speak about his landmark book, *Bay Country*, this Tuesday in the Blackwell Library. The book discusses the declining health of the Chesapeake Bay due to the growing population. During his work with the Sun we reported on the environment from the Amazon and Africa to the Middle East. He has received several regional awards for his coverage of the Bay. Horton has written five books on the

Chesapeake Bay including *Swanfall*, *Turning the Tide* and *Bay Country*.

### SU'S WORKS ON NEW ENERGY SAVING PLAN

Salisbury University, along with Pepco Energy Services and Maryland Partner of General Services, is planning to implement several energy conservation projects that will save \$5.3 million over the next 15 years. The plan will provide for 17 projects around campus, including updating old equipment or putting in more efficient equipment in 14 buildings. By putting in new plumbing fixtures, the campus will conserve 11,000 gallons of water each year. "From an environmental and sustainability perspective, the project will save water equal to the amount consumed annually by 473 family homes, electricity sufficient to power 1,600 homes, and it will reduce emissions equal to removing 1,571 cars from the road or planting 2,145 acres of trees," said Greig Mitchell, vice president for administration and finance, in a recent press release.

## Crime beat

11/10/06 — 1:08 a.m.  
Sick Subject

University Police responded to Manokin Hall for a sick student. The student was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

11/10/06 — 10:00 -10:50 a.m.  
Theft

A student reported a day bag had been stolen from the Commons Building near the UDS cashier station. The day bag had been left unattended. On 11/14/06 the day bag was recovered and one student arrested.

11/12/06 — 1:43 a.m.  
Intoxicated Subject

University Police responded to Severn Hall for an intoxicated student. The student refused treatment by Salisbury EMS paramedics.

11/16/06 — 2:04 a.m.  
CDS Violation

While in the Quad area a University Police officer detected the presence of CDS. Subsequent investigation resulted in the recovery of CDS. Criminal charges were filed against a student.



## Story Brief

## SU Ice Hockey keeps hopes high

The Salisbury University Ice Hockey club has been making a name for themselves through hard work and dedication since 1992. A highly competitive team, the group is always looking for new players equipped with talent, experience, and commitment to the sport. With these qualities, the SU Ice Hockey team is hoping to earn a chance to compete against some of the best teams in the ACHA Division 3 national tournament.

The Sea Gulls vie for the top ranking of the Mason Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association against Catholic University of America, Dickinson University, Gettysburg College, American University, John's Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's College, and their rivals, the nationally ranked, Loyola College.

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## Overheard: If you could have a one night stand with anyone, who would it be?

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"Ricky Parker."

— Caroline McGoldrick, freshman



"My best friend's sister."

— Jim Zimmerman, freshman



"Channing Tatum."

— Kelly Porter, freshman



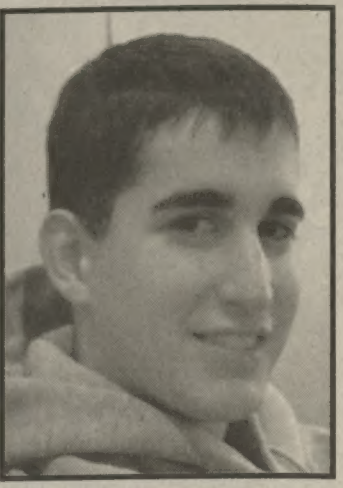
"Johnny Depp."

— Robyn Handy, freshman



"Caroline McGoldrick."

— Ricky Parker, freshman



"Jessica Simpson."

— Sam Palowski, freshman

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### Letter From the Editor

## To a spoiled generation...

By Justin Ritter  
Editorial Editor

Somewhere through the tides of time, the outstanding youth of the nation have become lazy and spoiled. Somewhere we have become isolated by our own selfish desires, and because of this we have forgotten the true values of happiness on this earth.

It's easy to make this claim. Just listen to the dyadic dialogues of our generation that surround the subject of money, the use of money, or another person's lack of money thereof. Listen to the television shows that make our youthful generation desire to become rich at any cost. But most importantly, listen to the old man that would say we have forgotten the value of money and of each other.

We all know of a time when our entire nation was in an economic crisis. Men and women had to sell their homes, move to the city, and abandon their families—all in the hope that someday future generations (including ours) would never have to live in an era of depression again.

If all of our great-grandparents and grandparents were still alive, maybe they could show us the error and ignorance of our ways. Some say that ignorance is bliss, and to some extent I never understood what that fully meant until the day I learned about the disgusting reality of our generation. Wouldn't our dearly departed and living family members who lived during the depression era say we have become ignorant in this day and age? Yes. We have forgotten the values that made us as a society strong. Instead of helping one another, our youth have continually looked down upon those who have become so self-centered that these problems are rarely even addressed.

## To each their own

By Shanley Crutchfield  
Editor in Chief

In the "Family Guy" movie when Peter does the show on what grinds his gears? Well that's how I feel; I want to talk about what really grinds my gears. I think a lot of people can relate to this one. Have you ever had someone get into your business when they have absolutely no right? Or even worse, on top of that, they have no idea what they're talking about.

These people probably mean well. In my case they did. But they really had no business getting

Our youth in general care more about the latest video game platforms than about helping those who have become less fortunate throughout time. Our generation would rather work hard for wealth than for a decent cause that makes hardly anything. Our generation laughs at the countries that are not as successful as America (such as Kazakhstan). Our generation looks at the dreaded pictures of death and destruction on the news and turns their head—possibly towards their own selfish desires. We have even learned to laugh in the face of adversity with the simple waving of a debit or credit card.

We have idolized the rich and famous. Please, someone tell me what Paris Hilton has ever done for our generation besides providing something nice to look at? Please, someone tell me how the MTV Television show *Shoet Sixteen* has ever positively inspired anyone?

It seems the best items in our society are found in the shopping malls instead of the libraries or in other educational institutions where true self-building knowledge and value is found. We have ignored those who are unlike ourselves and become rotten with jealousy towards those "better" than us.

I met an old man on Saturday, a homeless man, who has probably lived on the streets for many years if not decades. When I sat down to talk to him, I was in complete amazement and shock. Even though this man was homeless, this man might have been the happiest person I have ever met in my entire life. I could not understand his unwavering smile, nor the glow of peace and ease that flowed from out of his eyes and from his soul. Sure, his living situation was wretched and I could only imagine the cold December nights that he must have slept through, but

involved. Why does it seem like human nature is always to get involved? Sometimes it really is better to back off; and let your loved ones live their lives.

In the situation I dealt with, the person butting in thought he knew everything. He was sadly mistaken. He gave me advice and criticized me on an issue in my life that he knew nothing about. He made so many assumptions, but asked no questions.

As college students finding our way in life, many of us are subjected to this. Maybe it's parents or other relatives, but people always

there was a love inside this man, a pureness I had never felt. It seemed as though the world could turn upside-down and he would still sit there in front of me smiling and drinking his milk.

If this man can be happy, plain and simply from being alive and interacting with people from day to day, then why can't we? Do we really need the latest iPod, 30 pairs of shirts or 20 pairs of pants? If I could acquire even one-half of that man's internal happiness, someday I might be willing to give everything that once completed me away. His wealth was weaker than mine, but his spirit, the very essence of our meaning and existence, must have outweighed my spirit by 20 tons.

Generations in the past have lived through poverty in the hopes that we someday might not. Let us not forget their efforts and remember our duty to help others that may not live to the same upper extent as ourselves. Let's quit arguing over who has the nicer house and build one for someone who has none. Let's quit arguing over what retail clothing line is better and give our clothes to those who have none. Our materialistic society has gone too far and if we don't act now, our morality might forever be lost—lost within the circulation of the many materialistic products that have made us become this way.

So let us not laugh at the spoiled youth of the nation at those who are less fortunate than us. Let us re-find our internal happiness within ourselves and amongst our brothers and sisters of the world. This fight against materialism can be won, against hatred can be won, and against poverty can be won—if someday we can come together and act as one.

think they know what's best for everyone else. No one has lived a perfect life, so for people to impose their way of living (because they think it's best) is just ridiculous.

It can be so frustrating when people think they know everything. Often these people can't even be convinced otherwise, so there's no use in debating with them.

So what to do? Just shrug him or her off and say, with a smile, "You have no clue what you're talking about."

## ~SUDOKU~

### The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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		8				6			
3			7			4		2	
	9	5							2
		3				1			
1						4	3		
	3		4	7				6	
			1			8			
9	2	4	8						1

### Solution to last week's puzzle:

9	3	6	1	5	2	8	4	7	
2	4	5	8	3	7	9	1	6	
8	1	7	6	9	4	3	2	5	
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3	2	4	7	6	5	1	8	9	
5	6	8	4	1	9	7	3	2	
4	7	2	9	8	3	5	6	1	
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1	8	9	5	4	6	2	7	3	

## LIFE & STYLE

### Faculty Spotlight

## Professors Sharma and Waters win award

By Diana Westenberg  
Staff Writer

Professors Andrew Sharma and Michael Waters have been awarded Fulbright Scholar Grants and are, or will be, sharing their knowledge with students of Universities in India and Romania.

The program was established in 1946 and it was designed to build a mutual understanding of the people of the United States and the people of the rest of the world. It operates in 150 countries and recipients are selected for achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

The Fulbright Scholar Program has provided approximately 275,000 participants with the opportunity to observe each other's political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants.

Sharma has been a member of the SU Communication and Theatre Arts Department since August 1999. Sharma received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University, and from previously teaching at SUNY Newpaltz, Ball State University, Indiana University, and Syracuse University, he is an extremely experienced professor at SU.

Sharma chose Salisbury because he thought it to be a "lateral career move." He went on to say that, "Salisbury is a small university with national distinction where I can really get to know my students. Also, the Eastern shore is a nice place to live."

In late April of 2006, Sharma learned that he had been awarded the Fulbright Scholar Grant. Sharma described the Fulbright Scholar Program as "America's flagship international education exchange program."

Sharma is currently teaching Media Advertising, TV Program Production and Media Research in Hissar, India. Hissar is a small town in Haryana, India which is about 90 miles Northwest of New Delhi—the nation's capital.

Sharma tried comparing the University in India to that of one in the United States, in which it was obvious that they are completely different. The schedules of the teachers and the students are very open and they are both allowed to go and come as they please. When asked about what he would bring back to Salisbury he replied with "adaptability." He was amazed by such a loose atmosphere.

Sharma is making do with the tools they have there, which are not many. He describes the classrooms as, "very basic, equipped with ceiling fans and with a chalkboard for the teacher and uncomfortable wooden desks for the students." He also added that he is doing his PowerPoint from his laptop with 30 students crowded around him at a time.

Sharma has been traveling all over India, with his wife and two children, exploring the unique culture of the foreign land. It seems as though it has taken some getting used to, but he is enjoying himself while learning and being able to share his knowledge.

Waters is the other professor awarded the Fulbright Scholar Grant, and will be teaching in Romania during the Spring 2007 semester.

This very lighthearted man has been a Professor of English at SU since 1978. As he says, "just as fish were growing legs and crawling out of land here on the Eastern Shore!"

Waters has attended an array of prestigious universities, including SUNY Brockport where he received his B.A. and M.A.; University of Nottingham where he spent his senior year, University of Iowa where he received his M.F.A., and Ohio

University where he received his Ph.D.

Before teaching at SU, Waters was on the faculty of Ohio University and was a teaching assistant while he was a graduate student at the University of Iowa. He has also been a Visiting Professor of American Literature at the University of Athens, along with multiple other teaching experiences.

When asked why he chose SU, he replied saying, "Serendipity. However, I've since found numerous reasons to remain, not least among them those faculty members and administrators who move the university forward with their creative energies."

Waters speaks highly of the students when talking about his favorite thing about SU is, "Each semester I have students who display self-discipline and talent, and who prod themselves and each other toward better work," he says, "I feel lucky to have such students."

When Waters begins his teaching of 20th Century American Poetry in Romania this spring, he will be educating the minds of those at University Al. I. Cuza in Iasi. This will, however, not be his first time in Romania.

Waters has been there several times. "Each time has been memo-

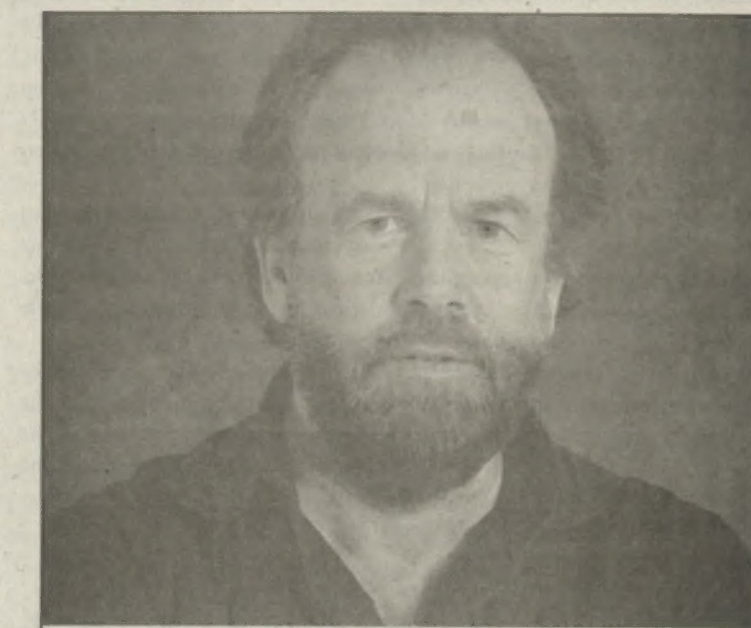


Photo provided by Dr. Waters

orable. For example, I recall fondly the dentist who performed a root canal using a drill operated by a foot pedal," he says. He also adds that, "I'd been invited by the Museum for Romanian Literature to meet Romanian poets and to read my own poems there in 1998." He was also married there in 1999.

Waters will be joined by his family while in Romania, although he wishes the grant allowed his stu-

dents from SU to join him. When asked about his feelings toward the trip he said, "I'm excited to have this opportunity to meet and interact with students from Eastern Europe."

"Dr. Sharma unavailable for a photo because he is currently in India."

### Student Spotlight

## Detwiler makes his mark at SU

By Nicole Janer  
Staff Writer

William Detwiler has been attending SU for six years, starting his undergraduate work in Elementary Education and now into his final year of graduate school. Detwiler ran track and cross country and was All Conference and Academic All American. He hopes to one day compete in a triathlon. "I train a little here and there, I swim and bike around sometimes, but I would like to train hard and compete someday," he explains.

Growing up, Detwiler was one of seven kids. There were six brothers and one older sister. They were very curious boys and he often wondered and explored around his home.

Detwiler is the assistant coach for the cross country team. He is a supervisor at Maggs gym and

works in the equipment room. When he has time, Detwiler, substitute teacher at Salisbury School and Prince Street Elementary. After graduation he hopes to get a job in Baltimore near his hometown of Towson.

If he was stranded on an island what are the top three items would he want to have with him? "I would like to have my iPod, my kittens, and some paints, and then I could draw or write poetry. I don't write poetry now, but I would assume that if I were stuck on an island I would start," he laughs.

Two accomplishments that he is proud of and that stand out to him are that he was in a home video that got sent and aired on Americas Funniest Home Videos and that he has made it through 6 years of college without receiving a "C" in any classes.



Internet Photo

## Male nurses provide fresh, diverse perspectives to program

By Rachel Lopez  
Staff Writer

SU is known for many things: excellent food, kind staff, healthy students, beach location, growth and academic programs which have made this institution stand out above the rest.

One of these outstanding programs that has been well known for many years is the Nursing Program. Year after year many come to SU with the hope of making it into their excellent nursing program, but not everyone makes it in to this demanding and popular program.

Many would come to the conclusion that all of these hopefuls would be females but shockingly, no! SU has a healthy-sized male population in the nursing program. Male nurses may seem like a taboo, something that many would not understand.

We, as a society, have labeled nursing a "woman's job," laughing at those who are not female who

choose to join this work force. It is seen even in movies like "Meet the Parents," where Ben Stiller's character is looked down upon by Robert Deniro's character for being just that: a male nurse.

Male nurses are not a new fad. According to www.menstuff.org, the first nursing school in the world was started in India in about 250 B.C. Only men were considered "pure" enough to become nurses.

The nursing profession continued to be a male dominated field of work until 1901 the Army Nurse Corp was formed and only women could serve as nurses. Many years later this changed and men were once again permitted into nursing. Gradually the number of men in nursing increased from less than one percent in 1966 to the 1996 five percent, (the number has increased since 10 years ago).

William T. Campbell associate department chair of the nursing program, as well as associate professor, has been a registered nurse for

24 years.

When asked why he chose nursing as a profession he said, "I decided on nursing because it is health-care and therefore always in demand, it is very grounded in the sciences which I love, and the flexibility, diversity and potential for lateral as well as vertical progression is unlike any other career."

Over the past few years, nursing as a career choice has grown steadily attracting more and more people to its benefits and opportunities, from both genders. "No other major has the demand, the 100% employment at graduation, the very high starting salary, and the flexibility and career pathways that nursing has to offer. Why should being a male exclude one?"

Campbell asks others to compare males in the nursing field to woman in the medical field many years ago. He states, "140 years ago females were barred from medical school, today over 50 percent of medical school students are female. Nursing has the same potential if

the mind set would only change."

Society does seem to have a more accepting attitude of nurses who just happen to be male. They have the organization of The American Assembly of Men in Nursing (AAMN), a new organization open to both men and women who share "our beliefs that nursing is a profession, not gender-based profession," says Gene Tranbarger, president-elect of the organization during an interview with www.menstuff.org. There's also the creation of such magazines as *Male Nurse Magazine*, we are definitely headed towards the right direction. Owner and publisher of *Male Nurse Magazine* Jerry R. Lucas, R.N., said, "I feel that nursing needs a stronger voice."

With the nursing profession growing at the rate it is, as well as the number of males taking on this once male dominated profession once again, we all hear you loud and clear.



# Season of giving sweeps through SU

By Erica Tindale  
Staff Writer

On any given day if you walked out of Wal-Mart and some man in a costume rang a bell in your face and asked for your money you would probably A. look at him like he was crazy, B. clutch your bag a little tighter or C. quickly run the other way. However, come late November a kind of holiday fever seems to descend on the country causing people to give their time and their money with a smile and a simple "Happy Holidays."

"It is truly gratifying to know that

you helped to spread some holiday cheer," senior Tommy Cooksey says. "As we get older, Christmas tends to become much more commercialized. Involvement in charities really brings back the true giving spirit of the holidays."

Cooksey is involved in the Toys for Tots program through his internship at Clear Channel Radio. Along with fellow intern, Lauren Carnes, he is trying to get the SU community involved in the donation process.

All of the toys that are donated to the cause are distributed to less fortunate children in the area to make their Christmas morning a little brighter.

Toys and money donations can be dropped off through Dec. 15 at the Student Activities office in the Guerrier University Center, the Perdue School wing in Holloway

Hall or the Scarborough Leadership Center.

"I began doing this because it was required that I do it to receive credit for my internship," Cooksey explains. "As I've gotten more involved, I have fallen in love with the cause and just the spirit and good will of the entire idea of it."

The holiday fever has also struck the Social Work Club, judging by their involvement in the Angel Tree project. The Children's Choice agency in Salisbury creates trees with the names of underprivileged children that are in need of Christmas presents. Anyone can pick a child from the tree and on the back they will find a few presents that the child would like to receive.

"We basically just sponsor the agency and help get the word out to get people to buy presents," president of the Social Work Club, Beth

Depor says. "It just makes us feel a little happier knowing that we have helped make the season a little brighter for a child or youth in the community."

The trees can be found in the Student Activities Office and also in the hallway of Caruthers.

Wendy Finley, a member of the Social Work Club, plans to sponsor at least two children from the angel tree, but is more actively involved in charity through her internship at Salisbury Urban Ministries.

The organization makes survival kits for the homeless that are given out during the outreach programs on Saturdays and include a granola bar, a trash bag, a juice drink and various other food items necessary for survival.

"The survivor kits are hard to put together because things for the homeless have to be ready to eat,"

Finley says. "I made an announcement about the program at the SGA forum and students, faculty and staff have come through like never before. People are donating lots of things."

The efforts of the SU community have produced 88 survivor kits for the program.

Finley noted that around the Christmas season people give a lot more, but that the program runs year round and very few people stay involved.

"Charity is needed all throughout the year," Finley says. "Anything helps."

Various SU students and organizations are involved in charity projects throughout the year, but the holiday season seems to truly be the season of giving.

In fact, this year marks the 3rd annual Guerrier University Center

Tournament of Trees. Registered Student Organizations decorate holiday trees that are placed in the Main Lounge for the enjoyment of all.

Winners are chosen, prized are awarded and the decorated trees are donated to the Joseph House Village and local nursing homes for their enjoyment. The theme of this year's competition is "An Old Fashioned Holiday."

The giving doesn't stop here, as many more students and organizations alike are being swept away by the season of generosity and good cheer.

So the next time that Santa Claus rings that bell in your face, by all means give into that magical holiday spirit, but remember that the need doesn't end when the Christmas tree comes down.

## Rough night at the North Pole

By Diana Westenberger  
Staff Writer

### If you go...

**Who:** Sophanes

**What:** Second Annual Christmas Show

**Where:** Black Box Theatre, Fulton Hall

**When:** Nov. 30 to Dec. 3

**How Much:** Donation to Toys for Tots

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Project Manager, Steve Drapalski spoke of Becky Norris who will be playing the role of Missy. "I really think that Becky Norris is going to be an important part of the theatre department in her years at Salisbury," he says. "She is very fun to work with and dedicated, not to mention very talented passionate about performing."

Speaking of the show and anticipations for it, Drapalski says, "A show like this is great because everyone loves the holidays, so a lot of community members come out and bring their children to see the performance."

Sophanes feels that it is extremely important to get children involved with the performing arts. "The arts are somewhat lacking on the Eastern Shore, and we are so excited to introduce children to theatre," says Drapalski.

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### Club Profile

## Ice Hockey skates towards Nationals with confidence



By Lynsey Kanaki  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Ice Hockey club has been making a name for themselves through hard work and dedication since 1992. A highly competitive team, the group is always looking for new players equipped with talent, experience, and commitment to the sport. With these qualities, the SU Ice Hockey team is hoping to earn a chance to compete against some of the best teams in the ACHA Division 3 national tournament. "We're hoping to get ranked nationally," said captain, AJ Cloherty.

The Sea Gulls vie for the top ranking of the Mason Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association against Catholic University of America, Dickinson University, Gettysburg College, American University, John's Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's College, and their rivals, the nationally ranked Loyola College. "Loyola is ranked in the top 16,"

explained Cloherty, "and last year we were the first team in two years to score over three goals on them." Friends on and off of the rink, this close group manages to balance work and play. "We're a real tight group," said Cloherty. "We party together when we have time in the off-season." This is indicative of the abundance of time they devote to their sport.

Practice is held Monday nights from 10:15 p.m. to midnight and Tuesday nights from 10:45 p.m. to midnight in Harrington, Del. at the Delaware State Fair Ice Rink, which is about 45 minutes from Salisbury. This is, however, a bit closer than their former home location in Easton. "At practice we do a lot of drills, and then spend the rest of the time scrimmaging," said Cloherty. The team's hard work has paid off as of late, since they are going on a four-game win streak to bring their record to 5-4 overall and 4-2 within their conference.

The team unsuccessfully attempted

to get funding from local businesses last year. However, fundraisers are not necessarily a big concern for the team, as they rely on the dues collected from their members. "Dues are \$475 for new players and \$415 for returning players," Cloherty said. Such payments cover the costs of shells, a home and away uniform, socks, helmet decals, and a mandatory team sweatshirt for each player. In regards to transportation and lodging for away games, Cloherty explained, "We never really stay overnight, except in Harrisburg, where we cram everyone into a couple cheap rooms and pay for expenses out of pocket."

The Salisbury University Ice Hockey team's win streak was snapped on the road by Old Dominion last Saturday as they beat the Gulls 12-3. The Gulls play American on December 3 but they also have the opportunity to beat their rival Loyola, facing off with the Greyhounds on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in Baltimore.

## Winter athletics are on their way

By Joe Staninka  
Staff Writer

The cold temperatures and stiff wind signify the switch to winter here in Salisbury, bringing along with it a new sports season for the basketball and swimming teams. The squads look to improve upon last year's strides and continue to progress in the Capital Athletic Conference.

The men's basketball team (15-13, 7-7 CAC) had a great run last year with notable wins against eventual national champion Virginia Wesleyan, highly ranked York College and CAC champion Catholic University. The Sea Gulls did the unlikely by reaching the CAC championship last year, but fell to Catholic University in a very close game. This year the team is looking forward to another successful season lead by Head Coach Steve Holmes in his sixth season. "We're looking to take that next step and try to reach our ultimate goal which is to win our conference, and get an automatic bid into the national tournament," said Holmes. The Sea Gulls are lead by their team captains Senior Segun Odumenu, Senior Ray Williams and Junior Jonas Vaitkus. "We have to keep going as cohesive and as fluid of a unit as we have been so far, it's really going to be the key to our success," said Vaitkus. The Sea Gulls have key home games this year against York on December 2 and against Catholic on January 17.

Women's basketball (14-11, 7-7 CAC) had a productive season last year as they entered the CAC conference tournament with a 14-10 record, but fell to conference rival York College in the first round. This year the team is eager to begin their season lead by Head Coach Bridget Benshelter in her sixteenth season. "Other than winning all our games, the hope is to be competitive and we will be competitive," said Benshelter. The Sea Gulls are a young team with six freshmen and three sophomores. Returning veterans, Senior Jessica Mills and Junior Meghan Phillips, hope to lead the Sea Gulls to a successful season this year. "We know we are a shorter lineup this year, and we may be facing teams this year that are a lot taller than us, so we want to be in good condition so we can get into our fast break and be able to accurately run on some teams," said Phillips.

The Sea Gulls have pivotal home games against York on December 2 and against Catholic on January 17.

The men's and women's swim teams are also looking forward to promising seasons this winter, lead by Head Coach Jill Stephenson in her twelfth season. Senior record holder, Laura Allen, leads the women into the 2006-07 season. She holds records in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke both set in 2004 and in the 400 IM set in 2005. Allen was also named 2nd team All-CAC in the 200 yard breaststroke in 2003-2004. Ross Spangler hopes to lead the men to a successful season. He holds the record in the 100 yard freestyle and shares two records in the 200 yard medley relay and the 200 yard free relay. The Sea Gulls have high hopes this season and look to be very successful all season long.

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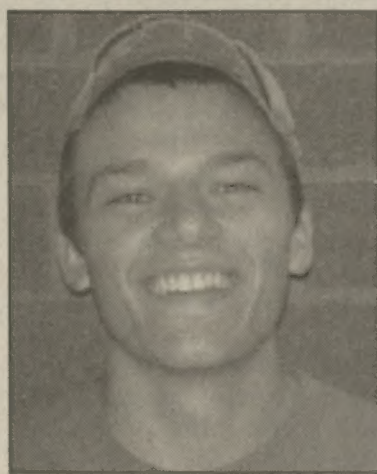
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## Commentary

# Turkey and football, who could ask for more?



By Shawn Nisson  
*Sports Editor*

I can smell the cranberry sauce from here. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, it is the quintessential modern American holiday. Thanksgiving for most including myself is just a great excuse to pig out and then sit around and watch football. What are Americans better at then eating and just sitting around being lazy? After I eat the only move I make is to create a delicious sandwich with the leftover turkey and the aforementioned cranberry sauce during the second NFL game. Just like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade football has become an institution on turkey day, you feel contractually obligated to sit and watch the Lions and Cowboys on Thanksgiving. Growing up getting to watch Barry Sanders was a treat, he would be the highlight of the day. Nobody could break ankles like

Barry could, and whenever he was on nationally televised games he pulled out all the tricks. Sanders rushed for over 100 yards four times and scored 10 touchdowns in ten career games on Thanksgiving.

This turkey day is special though there are going to be three NFL games instead of the traditional two. Miami plays Detroit in the motor city on Thursday, the Lions always play well on Thanksgiving but Miami's defense has been playing extremely well lately scoring three defensive td's in as many games. Jon Kitna is having a great season quietly throwing for almost 2,700 yards which is good enough for fifth in the league. Kitna along with Mike Martz and their dangerous receiving corp should be enough for the Lions to earn their third victory on the year. In the second game Dallas and Tampa hook up, both teams are coming off wins and it should prove to be a decisive game. If Dallas wins they will be 7-4 and in prime position for a playoff spot, after the tumultuous start with T.O. Cowboy fan's should be thanking there lucky stars that they have continued to win. Tampa is led by rookie Bruce Gradkowski, he was the tenth quarterback taken overall behind the behemoths like Vince Young, Jay Cutler and Matt Lineheart, but also taken after the likes of Omar Jacobs, Ingle Martin, and Tarvaris Jackson. In spite of being a sixth rounder Gradkowski has played solid for the Buccaneers since Chris Simms went down with a lacerated spleen. In

should be a compelling game for the  
tryptophan to settle in, with the  
Cowboys pulling it out in the end.  
Bill Parcells has never missed the  
playoffs in three straight seasons and  
2006 will not be the year to end the  
streak.

In the night cap the NFL network kicks off its coverage of live games, starting with Kansas City and Denver. This AFC West match-up should be doozy with this game having major implications for the rest of the season and the playoff picture. After falling to LT and the Chargers last week, the Broncos need to get back on the horse. Jake Plummer is on the verge of losing his job for making poor decision after poor decision. Late in last weeks game Plummer through a ball into three defenders, it was easily picked off and secured the game for the surging Chargers. Denver needs to get back to what they do best and run the ball, or "let the 'bell' toll" so to speak as in give the ball to Mike and Tatum. Herm Edwards made a tough decision and stuck to his word, after Trent Green went down with a concussion in week 1 Edwards said that Green would not lose his job because of the injury. With back-up Damon Huard playing lights out the past couple weeks, Edwards stuck to his word and played Green this past week only to see him lead a late fourth quarter game winning drive. The Broncos are going to bring a lot of pressure and try to get to Green, if their successful Al Wilson might be serving Green's head on a plate. However, I believe the game will hinge on Jared Allen and the Chiefs D Line ability to get pressure on Plummer. Look for Kansas City to steal one at home in Arrow Head and create a dog pile at the top of the conference.

The injury bug is a factor every year but this season top flight players seem to be going out every week. Starting back in pre-season when Clinton Portis hurt his shoulder, the foreshadowing for an injury prone

season was laid. The first week of the season pro-bowl quarterback Trent Green went down with a concussion and Steve Smith missed the first two games of the season with hamstring injury. Reigning MVP Shaun Alexander broke a bone in his foot to go along with teammate Matt Hasselback sprained knee the Seahawks have been without one of their pro-bowl players since week 4. Jevon Kearse, Lamont Jordan, Portis, Donovan McNabb, John Abraham, Willis McGahee, Daunte Culpepper, Rodney Harrison, are all out for the rest of the season and the list goes on and on. The athletes in the NFL are thoroughbreds which inevitably break down, teams squeeze every ounce out of their players until it's all gone. The business side of the NFL is harsh, there is no love loss between an organization and an older player and without guaranteed contracts players can be here one day and gone the next.

On a lighter note one player that hopefully will stick around for a year or ten is Jason Campbell. He looked solid in his first NFL start avoiding the rush and making a few plays here and there. The first play under his direction was a bomb to Brandon Lloyd that grazed off of the receiver's finger tips. All though the pass was incomplete fans all around DC had to jump for joy to see the ball go more than 10 yards down the field in the air. Campbell was 19-for-34 throwing for almost 200 yards and two touchdowns, that's not a bad line in your first start in the NFL especially against one of the perennial defensive powerhouses in the league like Tampa Bay. The biggest thing the Redskins have to do for the rest of the season and off-season is to do nothing. Let this team build a chemistry, let this team grow as a unit, let this team bond and be a team, not a collection of hand picked all-stars that never cohesively worked together as a unit.

# SEA GULL SPORTS BEAT

## FOOTBALL

The Salisbury University football team beat Delaware Valley 15-9 to win their second straight Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) bowl game and secured the fifth straight winning season for the Gulls. Salisbury (6-5) scored the game winning touchdown with 10:28 left in the game after going on an 11 play 97 yard drive. Anthony Johnson ran it in from five-yards out to put the Gulls up 13-9, then went for two and were stopped but a roughing the passer penalty gave SU another shot. This time Valdase Morris was able to convert from the one-yard line to give Salisbury the six point lead which proved to be sufficient. Salisbury senior linebacker Billy Leinemann was named the game's MVP recording six tackles. Sophomore quarterback Ronnie Curley ran for a game-high 131 yards on 30 carries and threw for 60 yards completing four out of seven passes.

The two teams went into the half tied at seven after the Gulls scored with just 57 seconds remaining before the break. The touchdown broke Delaware Valley's shut-out streak which had reached three games. Early in the third quarter a bad snap went over punter Andrew Geisert's head forcing him to kick the ball out of the back of the endzone. Giving Delaware Valley a safety and a two point lead however it wasn't enough. The victory gives the senior class a record of 31-11 highlighted by a 10-0 regular season in 2004 along with a trip to the NCAA tournament.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Kelly and Glenna Sullivan represented Salisbury University in the NCAA Division III Cross

Country National Championships last Saturday. It was the first time in seven years Salisbury had been represented in the championship. Kelly finished in 71st place with a time of 24:33 two minutes behind Sarah Zerzan the winner of the 6,000-meter race. Glenna finished just over a minute behind her sister, crossing the finish line with a pack of runners in 185th place. The twins had to deal with ankle deep mud and 279 other women runners in Ohio making up the largest field ever for an NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**MIEN'S BASKETBALL**

The men's basketball team got their season started off on the right track winning the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament at Mt. Aloysis College this past weekend. The Gulls finished 2-0, beating both Mt. Aloysisou and Waynesburg College. Senior Ray Williams connected on two three point shots in the first 23 seconds to give the Gulls an early 6-0 lead that SU would not relinquish against Mt. Aloysis. At one point in the first half Salisbury went on a 19-0 run and went into half with a 53-27 lead. Williams finished the day with 25 points, while sophomore Ozi Menakaya had his second double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

The Gulls dismissed Waynesburg early on Friday night crushing the Yellow Jackets 95-18. Menakaya recorded 17 points and 13 rebounds and newcomer Devin Jones threw in 11 points and four assists.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jessica Mills scored 25 points as the Salisbury University women's basketball team knocked off St. Olaf 77-66 in the consolation game of the Subway Invitational hosted by Virginia Wesleyan College. Salisbury (1-1) got solid contributions from their bench as Lindsey Martin scored 17 points and secured eight rebounds. Freshman Janay Johnson threw in 14 points and also had a team high nine rebounds and Meghan Klug deposited 10 points of her own. The Gulls scored 25 points off of 29 St. Olaf turnovers and outscored them 28-12 in the paint. Salisbury will take on Wesley College in their home opener today.

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